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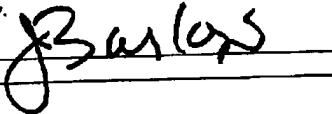
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 21 September 2004, please amend the application  
as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of  
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